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The Southern Ute Police Department and other tribal enforcement agencies participated in an active shooter training at Ignacio High School on Wednesday, Sept. 24. The training is aimed to help minimize casualties when an active shooter is involved.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

# Local officers participate in active shooter training

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute law enforcers were trained on how to effectively handle an active shooter situation Wednesday, Sept. 24 at Ignacio High School. The training took place

after school hours, and consisted of officers going through numerous active shooting scenarios.

"It was the closest to [reality] as it could get," Paul Colombe, Southern Ute Police Department criminal investigator said. Southern Ute Police

Lt. Chris Naranjo said it's important a small community like Ignacio is prepared and has the proper training.

"Things have changed, and these kinds of shootings are happening in

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## TRIBAL COUNCIL

# Growth Fund and home loan info shared at general meeting

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's new home loan program prompted much discussion at the Tribe's General Meeting Monday, Sept. 29.

The Tribe will begin to provide home loans to tribal members residing on Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee land within the reservation starting Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Many tribal members voiced concerns with the program, asking why tribal members living on land allotments or off reservation couldn't qualify for the program.

"This program is depriving some of us tribal members," Tribal Member Marge Barry said. "All the programs should benefit all tribal members and not leave any out."

Barry is one of the many tribal members who resides on Tribal allotted land and will not be eligible for the current program.

Brian Zink, chief financial officer of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, explained the program to those in attendance letting them know that this is the first step in a much broader vision.

Zink explained the difficulties associated with lending to tribal members living on allotted land or off the reservation – where the Tribe is no longer the party

of jurisdiction.

"It creates a vastly different structure and a whole different set of issues," Zink said. "There are jurisdiction issues; implications of state laws; and land and building codes."

Overall, being able to provide home loans to those tribal members on Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee land will be a significant step forward, he said.

The program will be available Wednesday, Oct. 15 and tribal members can expect a letter in the outlining the program in further detail.

The general meeting also included a half-day presentation from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund. The presentation focused on growth, transition and the five-year plan of the Growth Fund.

"The Growth Fund continues to exceed the Financial Plan's projections," Bruce Valdez, executive director of the Growth Fund, said. "We survived a recession and are still climbing when other companies have failed."

Bob Zahradnik, Growth Fund operating director used his time to present some transitions being made in the Growth Fund.

"In the last five years we've moved from a company that only produces gas, to a company that mostly produces oil," Zahradnik said.

The transition came from the Growth Fund recognizing the long-term depression in gas prices.

Another huge transition made has been where the Tribe is choosing to invest.

"We moved from being basically based on the reservation, to the point where most of your profits and most of your investments are now off the reservation," Zahradnik said.

The Growth Fund started exploring in the deep waters of Gulf of Mexico, and it has proven to be very successful, Zahradnik said.

"We're apart of a 6 company partnership that just anchored the most cost effective deep water production system ever built," Zahradnik said, referring to the Delta House Floation Production System.

Delta House was anchored 125 miles southeast of New Orleans last week, and can handle up to 100,000 barrels of oil a day, he said.

According to Zahradnik, the Growth Fund just had the most successful year ever, and the five-year plan is looking successful as well.

"What I really like about this five-year plan is that it's based off of things that we already have in hand," Zahradnik said. "It's not based on speculation ... it is a very solid and very reliable forecast."



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southwest Native American Veterans Association conference, held in Albuquerque, NM, honored all American Indian Veterans who fought for freedom. From left: Fred Lujan, Perry V. Benally, Avelino J. Calabaza, Rod Grove, Jeff Begay, and Howard D. Richards Sr.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

# Veterans honor comrades, address stereotype issues

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In honor of the veterans who have given their greatest strengths for freedom, veterans from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe paid their respects to their fellow comrades during Southwest Native American Veterans Association's conference at the Isleta Casino & Resort in Albuquerque, NM Wednesday, Sept. 24. Southern Ute Councilman, Howard D. Richards Sr., and Southern Ute veteran, Rod Grove, spoke on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in regards to the experiences endured, while paying respects to Vietnam veteran, Avelino J. Calabaza, who received a Pendleton blanket from the Tribe as part its gratitude.

"We take that oath to defend this country," said Howard D.

Richards. "Some of us carry that even further. Mr. Calabaza is a good example because he fights to continue."

Avelino Calabaza served in Vietnam from 1969-1971 under the combat division. He was under the Green Beret and Special Forces unit as part of his service. Since 2000, he has been an advocate for American

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## SUCCM pays tribute to Thompson



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Shirley Cloud-Lane, acting executive director of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, paid tribute to the late Bennett Thompson for his contributions to the museum. Family members, friends, and well-wishers were in attendance at the museum on Tuesday, Sept. 30.



Tallis Cantsee of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum presented Franklin Thompson with a Pendleton blanket with the museum logo on it, as part of the tribute to his father, Bennet Thompson.



Robert Burch, chairman of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum Board, presented the family of the late Bennett Thompson with a plaque to show appreciation for his dedication to the museum.

## Meet the Candidates Night

Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center

### Tribal Council Seats

Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center  
October 23, from 6 to 9 p.m.

### Chairman Seat

Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center  
October 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.





## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION

**NOVEMBER 7, 2014**  
**SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER, 7 A.M. – 7 P.M.**

CANIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SEAT ARE: VOTE FOR ONE

Clement J. Frost  
Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie  
Bernie Cuthair

CANIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER SEAT ARE: VOTE FOR TWO

Aaron V. Torres  
Amy J. Barry  
Pathimi M. GoodTracks  
Renee J. Cloud  
Janelle F. Doughty  
Tyson Thompson  
David Latham  
Andrew C. Frost

**NOTE: THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES  
SHALL BE ELECTED**

- Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center
  - Voting is by secret ballot
  - Voting by proxy is not allowed
  - Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote
- 
- Official Voter Registration Deadline – Oct. 29, 2014 by 5 p.m.
  - Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Oct. 29, 2014 by 5 p.m.
  - Emergency Absentee Deadline – Nov. 6, 2014 by 5 p.m.

## IT'S YOUR VOTE • IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming  
2014 General Election, according to the Constitution and the Election Code.

### SOUTHERN UTE GENERAL ELECTION Friday, November 7, 2014

#### **GENERAL ELECTION RESIDENCY DEADLINE: Friday, August 8, 2014**

**Constitution; Article IV, Section 5:** A candidate shall physically reside within the present exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation for at least ninety-days (90) preceeding the election.

#### **STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE: Monday, September 8, 2014 by 5 p.m.**

**Election Code 11-3-101 (3):** A Statement of Intention shall be filed with the Election Board not less than sixty-days (60) preceding the date of the General Election.

#### **ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

**Election Code 11-3-102 (2):** Any decision of the Election Board regarding eligibility shall be made at least forty-five (45) days before the election

#### **NOTICE OF ELECTION: Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

**Election Code 11-4-102 (1):** Election Board shall post notices of the election within the Southern Ute Reservation at least thirty-days (30) before each election.

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 by 5 p.m.**

**Election Code 11-1-104 (1):** Any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 by 5 p.m.**

**Election Code 11-5-102 (2):** The application, letter, or telephone call requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election

#### **EMERGENCY BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Thursday, November 6, 2014 by 5 p.m.**

**Election Code 11-5-107 (1) (2) (3):** A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests; or (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests. The written request shall contain the following: (a) the voter's name and address; (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and (c) The voter's signature.

The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

#### **GENERAL ELECTION: Friday, November 7, 2014 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Constitution; Article IV, Section 1:** There shall be annual elections on the first Friday in November.

Questions or concerns, contact our office at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.  
Off-Reservation tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.  
Email is [election@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:election@southern-ute.nsn.us)

## MANY MOONS AGO



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

### *10 years ago*

The family of the late Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch walk in the Native Nations Precession on the opening day of the National Museum of the American Indian.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 1, 2004, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

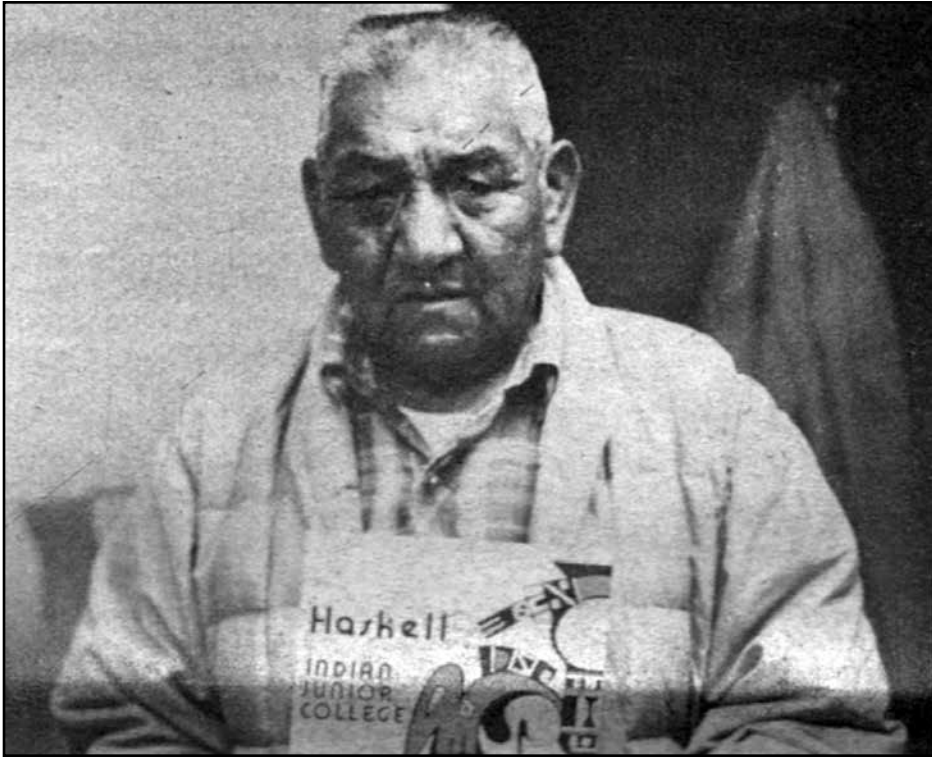


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### *20 years ago*

The Southern Ute Fair means fun and games for Tribal Youth. Footraces, watermelon eating and egg tossing contest drew participants of all ages.

This photo first appeared in the Sept. 30, 1994, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



courtesy of The Lawrence Daily/SU Drum archive

### *30 years ago*

Tribal member, Fritz Box attends reunion at Haskell Indian Junior College as part of a year-long celebration of its 100-year evolution from an agricultural institute to a junior college.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 5, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## LOCAL UPDATE

### ELLIS UPDATE

Chris has moved to Kindred Hospital, Room 5211920 High Street, Denver, CO 80218. 303-320-5871. Kindred is a small 25-bed facility dedicated to Transitional Care. Melissa indicated that Chris is off the morphine, can hear what is been said, and has been able to make eye contact with multiple people in the room: A great improvement. The next step is seeing and recognition. His progress has been

slow, but steady. Feel free to send a note to Chris directly at Kindred Hospital. You can also send cards through the EPD (Marlene). The website for the hospital is [www.kh-denver.com](http://www.kh-denver.com).

### WOOD YARD WOOD SERVICES

Just a friendly reminder, we are entering into the Fall and Winter Seasons. The Woodyard will begin releasing wood on Oct. 1. If you have any questions, call 970-563-0270.

## SUCCM UPDATE

### BECOME A FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM

A Friend of the Museum is a rewards program that the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) will be implementing at the beginning of September. This is a free program where we will reward you for coming in to visit us. Ask any of our visitor service employees or call 970-563-9583 for more information on this program.

### FREE ARTIST VENDOR SPACE

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is offering any Native American artist a place to set up and sell their artwork,

beadwork, and crafts. We will provide a space to the vendor inside the museum for free. For more information call Venessa Carel at 970-563-9583.

### MOVIES AT THE MUSEUM

Spend Saturdays in October and November at the Museum (SUCCM) will feature "Movies at the Museum" every Saturday afternoon. The first series will be about how Native Americans have been portrayed in the cinema. This will be a great event for the whole family. For information call Venessa Carel at 970-563-9583.





Culture shows appreciation



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Culture Department held an appreciation luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 30 thanking volunteers and fellow departments for helping out tribal events during this summer.

Bison Program

Marge Borst, Bison Instructor

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The Cultural Department is seeking Southern Ute Tribal members and other Natives in the community who cook with Bison to submit their recipe. The recipe will be featured in the upcoming Southern Ute Bison Cookbook. For more information contact Marge Borst, Bison Instructor.

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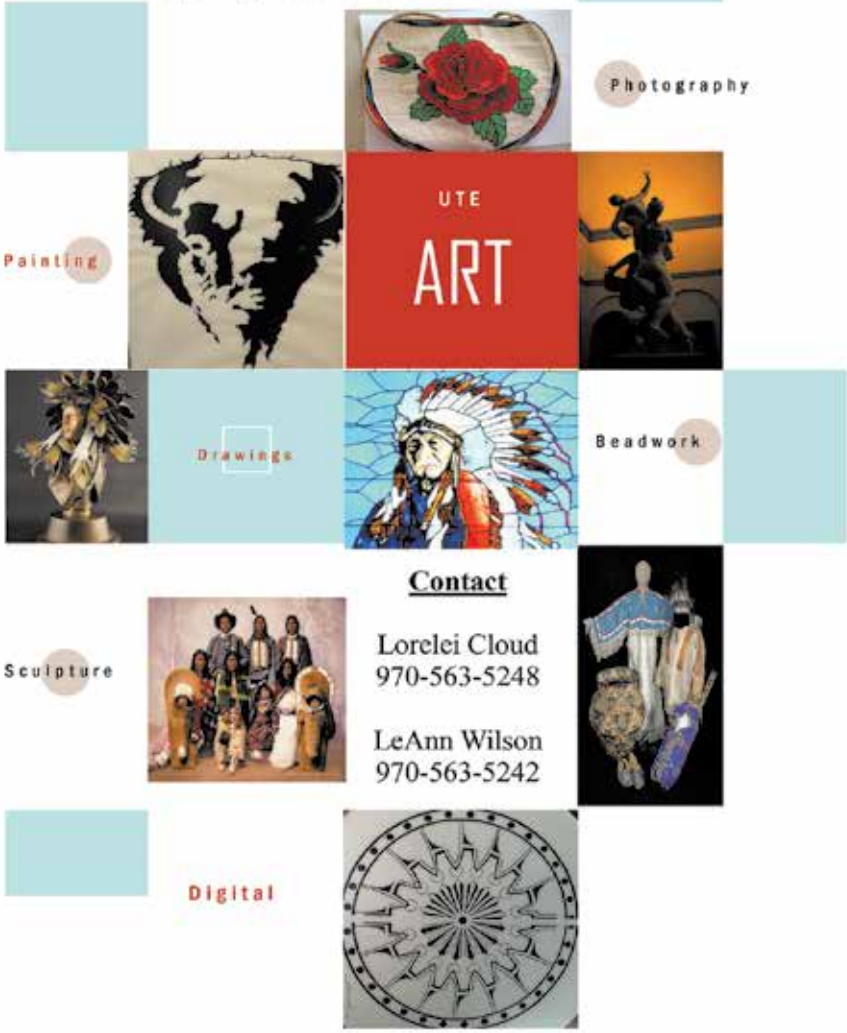
Movies at the Museum  
Saturdays in October and November  
starting @1:30

- Oct. 4th The Vanishing American (1925, 109 min.)
- Oct. 11th Stagecoach (1939, 97 min.)
- Oct. 18th MacKenna's Gold (1969, 123 min.)
- Oct. 25th When the Legends Die (1972, 105 min.)
- Nov. 1st Last of the Dogmen (1995, 117 min.)
- Nov. 8th The Fast Runner (2002, 161 min.)
- Nov. 22nd Cowboys & Aliens (2011, 119min.)

Come one come all to this family event!!  
\*Warning: The Fast Runner has sporadic scenes of nudity.\*

Growth Fund Art Committee

Calling ALL Ute Artist  
We are looking for Artwork to display in the New Growth Fund Building Opening Middle of 2015



CULTURAL UPDATE

CULTURE CLASSES FOR OCTOBER

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum  
Large and small classroom, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

• Oct. 7: Pine Needle Baskets

• Oct. 9: Finish Pine Needle Baskets

• Oct. 21: Beaded Hat/Head Bands

• Oct. 23: Finish Hat/Head Bands

Ute Language Classes

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum  
Large and small classroom, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

• Oct. 16 & 30: Conversational Ute

Givon Reading & Writing Ute Classes

• Monday evenings, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Youth Language and Activity Classes

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

Large and small classroom, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

• Oct. 5: Ute Language and Jerky

• Oct. 19: Ute Language and Mini Teepee

Youth Class Format

• 11 a.m.- 12 p.m., Ute Language

• 12-12:30 p.m., Lunch

• 1-2 p.m., Class activity

Some classes run a little longer, based on participation.

Elder Lunch

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

Large and small classroom, 12 - 2 p.m.

• Oct. 17: Pinto Beans, Green Chile Chicken enchiladas, chips & Salsa, Frybread, tossed salad and surprise dessert.

Family & Youth Class  
Schedule for Sundays  
in  
October 2014



October 5-Ute Language / Jerky Making Class

October 19-Ute Language / Mini Teepee

Cultural Center  
Large & Small  
Classroom

Classes 11:00 AM-2:00PM

Some classes run a little longer, based on participant enthusiasm

Culture  
Department

Tel: 563-0100 Ext. 3620







## Celebrating sobriety



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Community Action Program's Peaceful Spirit, the Southern Ute Treatment Center held its second annual Sobriety Celebration. The event was held to celebrate those who are in recovery or have maintained sobriety in their lives. Doreen Baker (above) spoke of her own sobriety, as one of the invited guest speakers. The celebration was held at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 20



Peaceful Spirit staff members (left to right) Lynn Ford clinical supervisor, Kathryn Nelson former outpatient counselor and Division Director Dennis Dahlke, pose for a picture during the second annual celebration. Dahlke stated, "[we are] appreciative of all those who attended our annual event and hope more will attend next year."

Lawren Lopez (left), was an invited speaker to the Peaceful Spirit's Sobriety Celebration. Speaking of the support his family gave him through his sobriety.

## VETERANS HONOR COMORADES • FROM PAGE 1

Indian veterans and has helped more than 135-individuals over the years through his guidance. Calabaza stood proudly near the podium with the Pendleton blanket in hand.

"I don't know if I deserve this, but my spirit belongs to this blanket, and I will wear it in good health for honor for the veterans of the United States of America. We must always fight for our country," he said.

Rod Grove discussed the experiences that were faced during active duty, as well as the experiences presented when coming home.

"These veterans borrowed warriors code and put themselves in harm's way for the freedom of others," he said. "When we came home on the plane, that was just the beginning of another battle. [Many of us] underwent Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, self-medication, seeing friends dying from alcohol and suicide. We are all still very affected."

The SWNAVA conference was greeted with American Indian veterans who spoke on the topics of stereotypes while in the army. Steve Abeita from the Isleta Pueblo addressed the various stereotypes that were witnessed from personal experience.

"There's a lot of stereotypes going on and it's good seeing Native Vets shatter those stereotypes," he said. "But then I started thinking about these stereotypes, and when you're



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilman, Howard D. Richards Sr., and Southern Ute veteran Rod Grove present a Pendleton Blanket to fellow Vietnam comrade, Avelino J. Calabaza. Calabaza served in the combat division from 1969 to 1971.

a native, the army expects you to be a better soldier. They assume, which is two sides of the coin. We're born into a warrior society. A warrior fights for his home and his family. There's no truer warriors out there than natives, and I began to accept that as I continued through my military career."

In addition, the SWNAVA conference covered the topic regarding the upcoming expansion of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC, addressing the possible expansion of the memorial with the inclusion of an American Indian veteran's tribute. The American Indian Veterans Memorial (AIVMI) is collaborating with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to build this exhibit within the Education Center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Wall. The tribute is expected to highlight the bravery, contributions, and sacrifices of the American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander veterans who provided their services.

"We as a tribe were once told to never have a tribute wall on the reservation, but now we do," said Grove. "[But] times have changed, and things can be done. This tribute to the Native Veterans will educate many."

"Life is a path that everyone walks," Richards said finishing his closing statement. "The journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step. You have to take that first step today, and take another tomorrow. Follow that journey into life as we were taught. We need to carry that on to our children so we're all respectful of one another."

## ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING • FROM PAGE 1

small towns now; it's not just big cities."

The training was sponsored by Homeland Security and was conducted by the Louisiana State University's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Southern Ute Police Department Chief Raymond Coriz said.

The training focused on "training the trainer," he said.

Coriz mentioned that not all of his staff is LASER certified, Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response, but that is the ultimate goal of the department.

"About 80 percent of our staff attended the training," he said. "The goal was to get these [individuals] trained as trainers, so they are capable of training others."

Those who participated in the training were the Southern Ute Police Department, Southern Ute Rangers, Southern Ute Detention officers, Southern



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Guns ready, team members get mentally prepared for the situation they are about to enter. The active shooter drill consisted of them going into rooms where a shooter was holding hostages.

Ute Division of Gaming and the Ignacio Police.

"We all trained together and it helped us. Because if something ever does happen we have to be able to rely on each other ... we got to build camaraderie," Naranjo said.

According to Naranjo SUPD has gone under train-

ings before, but none close to this caliber.

Though none of the officers interviewed have ever been involved in a real active shooter situation, they all feel the training has prepared them to do so.

"Absolutely we can handle it," Coriz said.

SunUte Recreation Activities October 2014!						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Youth Soccer
5 Archery Club 1000 to 1200	6 Men's Softball Championship Match	7	8	9	10 Youth Soccer	11
12 Archery Club 1000 to 1200	13	14	15	16	17 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip Registration starts Sunday 9th	18
19 Archery Club 1000 to 1200	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Archery Shoot Lake Capote	27 Men's Open Basketball League!	28	29 COED Volleyball League!	30	31 Halloween Carnival Checkout our booth!	1 Fall Draw Soccer Tournament

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10# -- \$8.00	10# --- \$11.00	
20# -- \$15.00	20# --- \$20.00	
50# -- \$32.00	50# --- \$50.00	
Potatoes:		
Red Potatoes	Yellow Potatoes	Russet Potatoes
5# --- \$1.50	5# --- \$1.50	5# --- \$1.00
10# -- \$2.75		10# --- \$1.75
50# -- \$13.00	50# -- \$12.00	50# --- \$8.00
		Bakers 50# Box --- \$11.00
Flour:		
Red Rose (Unbleached)	White Rose	Blue Bird
5# --- \$2.25	5# --- \$2.25	5# --- \$2.50
10# -- \$4.00	10# -- \$4.00	10# -- \$4.50
25# -- \$9.25	25# -- \$9.25	20# -- \$7.25
50# -- \$18.00	50# -- \$18.00	50# -- \$18.00
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IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT 11JT

Ignacio releases eligibility for free or reduced school lunches

	FREE MEALS	REDUCED PRICE MEALS
Family Size	Yearly	Yearly
1	\$15,171	\$21,590
2	\$20,449	\$29,101
3	\$25,727	\$36,612
4	\$31,005	\$44,123
5	\$36,283	\$51,634
6	\$41,561	\$59,145
7	\$46,839	\$66,656
8	\$52,117	\$74,167
For each additional family member add:	\$5,278	\$7,511

Staff report  
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ignacio School District, today announced its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free and reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Local school officials will use the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application forms are being provided to all homes with a letter to parents. Only one application is required for all children in the household. Additional copies are available in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifying data.

Applications from families receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits need only to list the children's names, name of the person receiving the program benefits, respective case number, and the signature of an adult household member. Eligibility for free meals is extended to all children in the household when the application lists a case number for any household member.

All other households that would qualify based upon income must show the names of all household members related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends), the amount of gross income each person receives, the frequency and source of pay, the signature of an adult household member, and the

last four digits of that adult's social security number—or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. The information on the application may be verified by the school or other program officials at any time during the school year.

Households with children who are eligible under the Head Start/Even Start, homeless, migrant, or runaway programs should contact the school for assistance in receiving benefits. To complete an application, they must mark the relevant box to indicate their appropriate eligibility.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. If a family has just foster children in the home and wishes to apply for meals, they should complete the application using the instructions for households with foster children only. If a family has foster and non-foster children living with them and wishes to apply for meals, they should complete the application using the instructions for households that have foster and non-foster children residing in the home. Including foster children as household members may help other children in the household qualify for meal benefits.

An application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

When known to the school district, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from SNAP or FDPIR. If the household receives such a notice, no application is required for free meal benefits. If any children in the

household were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district to have benefits extended to that child(ren).

When known to the school district, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is categorized as homeless, migrant, or runaway or is enrolled in an eligible Head Start or Even Start program. For any child not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an application for other children.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the district if they choose to decline meal benefits.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please contact your school.

Under the provision of the Policy, Kim Cotta, Food Service Director will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the decision, a request may be made to discuss it with the determining official. A formal appeal may be made either orally or in writing to Rocco Fuschetto, Superintendent for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Each school has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in income, become unemployed, have an increase in family size, or become eligible for SNAP or FDPIR benefits, you may fill out an application at that time.

Head Start fun through literacy



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start kicked off its monthly literacy night Wednesday, September 24. Frito pie was on the menu and families, including Mouneek Wing and her daughter (above), enjoyed story time and an arts and craft activity following dinner.

Native parents meet



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio School District held a Native American Parent Conference at the Ignacio Middle School on Saturday, Sept. 20 to discuss issues pertaining to Native American students within the school district. Administrative curriculum/assessment director, Dr. Kathy Pokorney (left) spoke of grade level expectations for all grades, and working to appeal the turn-around status at the Middle School, making it a priority to achieve the 2 percentage points needed to move up one level.

Southern Ute tribal member and parent of an Ignacio School student, Keith Thompson listens intently as discussions were held during the Ignacio School breakout session. Thompson was one of the community members in attendance for the conference.



Education hosts BBQ



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Families were welcomed to sign up for door prizes upon arrival. Door prizes ranged from kid-sized tents, books, Legos and arts and crafts at the Back to School BBQ Monday, Sept. 29 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



Mary Williams and daughter Lexi Williams pick out the prize of their choice after winning one of the raffle drawings. The event was sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department.

Kristopher White picks out his bike he won at the Back to School BBQ. White was one of many winners that took home a prize. Prizes included; bikes, skateboards, iTunes cards and Denver Nugget tickets.

EDUCATION UPDATE

JOM MEETING SCHEDULED

The next scheduled Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting will be Monday, Oct. 6, at the Southern Ute Education Department at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENTION STUDENTS ENTERING COLLEGE

If you are interested in expanding your education by entering college but are not sure if your academic skills are up to college standards, the ACCUPLACER test provides you information about your Math, English, and Reading skills. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals, and interests, are used by academic advisors to determine your course selection. It is an on-line exam and is an untimed test. So, take your time, but you can plan on about an hour and a half to complete! The ACCUPLACER is a great indicator to 2 and 4 year Institutions for College Readiness. You do not "pass" or "fail" the placement test, but it is very important that you do your best on these tests so

that you will have an accurate measure of your academic skill and preparedness for college level courses. Southwest Colorado Community College is conducting the test thought the Education Department in Ignacio. Education Department Building – Computer Lab at 1 p.m., Oct. 30. Cost is \$10. If you would like to take the test please call so we can reserve your spot or if you have any questions and need help, call Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger, Adult Education Program Manager at the Education Dept. 970-563-0237, ext. 2784.

CURING CANCER WITH CRAFTS

Curing Cancer with Crafts is back again this year, with a new look, new ideas, and a new date! This year our event will be held at Ignacio Middle School on November 22. This will be held in conjunction with "Shoot for the Cure" our middle school tri (Ignacio, Ridgeway, and Dove Creek) basketball competition. If you are interested in reserving a space to sell your crafts or for more information please contact Deb Otten at 970-563-0661.





COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IRENE BURCH!

Wishing you much sunshine, love and laughter on your birthday! We all love you very much. We hope that your day is filled with good things and happy moments, not only today but every day. May there always be a smile upon your face. Good moms are kind, compassionate, loving, and always there for you. We are so blessed and proud to call you our MOM! Happy Birthday!

Love always,  
Cookie, Leona, Lena Lisa, Leora, Laurena,  
Lynnette and families

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHOPS!

I love you very much, have a great day.

MOM

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAYS

Happy Belated Birthday to my son Cadell Thompson.

Love you,  
from mom Marietta

Happy Belated Birthday to my brother Derrick Watts and niece Avionne Gomez. Love you two.

From your sister and aunt Marietta

Happy Belated Birthday to our grand kids, Cadell Thompson and Avionne Gomez. You both have grown into beautiful people,

Love Grandpa Green, Grandma Gloria,  
and lil man Niko

Birthday wishes, congratulations?  
Say it in the Drum, 970-563-0118 or sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov

Do you have an event you want announced?  
Call: 970-563-0118  
Email: sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov

**SunUte Presents: The Great Pumpkin Patch Train Ride**  
**Southern Ute Tribal Families Welcome!**

**First come, first serve** (limited space available) Registration deadline is Monday, October 13th at noon.  
**TRIBAL MEMBERS:** Sign up your **IMMEDIATE** family at SunUte Front Desk. **NO** registration over the phone.  
Transportation can be provided or you can meet us there, we will be meeting at Durango Train Station on **Saturday, October 18th at 10am.**

These Tickets are purchased in advance, so if you **RSVP on October 15th 2014**, but do not attend, you will be held responsible for the full cost of the ticket (Valued at \$48.15)

**Note:** This field trip is targeted to children between 3-10 years old, accompanied by a parent/guardian

**Field Trip includes:**  
live entertainment, hay wagon rides, happy hopper corral, corn pool, bouncy ghost castle, pumpkin carving artist and trick or treating! Kids will especially enjoy going through the maze to get to the pumpkin patch to pick out their own "perfect pumpkin"! Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes (Mom & Dad too!) as we will have trick or treating and a costume contest with many great prizes.



Check out their website for more details: [www.durangotrain.com](http://www.durangotrain.com)

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*Friday, Nov. 7, 2014*

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**STARWHEELS**  
*Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”*

♊ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**

**BIRTHDAYS ARE FOR CELEBRATING!** Calling all LIBRA'S ... Put on your birthday hats, make a wish, then blow out the candles on your cake. The SUN, MERCURY, and VENUS reside in your sign from the 11th through the 22nd, energizing relationships, and promoting personal causes. With all this inspiration going on, you're bound to be enthusiastic, and ready to go. Be adventurous LIBRA, and be aware that MERCURY'S retrograde spree will last until the 25th, it might cloud your thinking. Fortunately MARS is helping to keep you mindful, and motivated.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**

MERCURY'S brief appearance in your sign for the first 10 days of the month may offer a glimpse of things to come. On the 4th, the little planet does an about face when it turns retrograde and moves backwards into the sign of LIBRA. While it hangs out there you may have a chance to review past issues, and be able to rectify old mistakes. In other words, be able to clear away unfinished business. The SOLAR ECLIPSE in SCORPIO on the 23rd sets off a romantic cycle that might have you sweetly dreaming of a warm and loving relationship. Magical moments may arise on the 27th, and 28th.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**

Lucky Saggies could be reaping the rewards of October's planetary menu. For starters MARS fires up your ambition and sends your optimism soaring as you ponder all the possibilities, and opportunities available to you. It's onward and upward on the 8th when the FULL MOON/LUNAR ECLIPSE triggers new ventures to pursue, and you might be traveling as well. This is the month to be sociable. Join community affairs. Your engaging personality may attract beneficial friends, and resources to you like a magnet.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**

An unsettling planetary pattern can have you overstepping the boundaries set by others, on the 4th, 7th, 8th, or 11th. To make matters worse MERCURY'S retrograde motion during the month might set off misunderstandings between you, family members, or a boss. The outlook is more promising after the 23rd when MARS charges into your sign and sends your physical energy soaring. The SUN, and VENUS follow shortly after lending drive, and motivation to your future goals.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**

A grouping of planets in compatible LIBRA emphasize travel, and communication with distant relatives. Your agenda may include a trip far from home. Don't be surprised if you hear from a long lost friend, or kinfolk. This is a favorable month to put together future plans and goals. Your unconventional planetary ruler (URANUS), teams with MARS, and JUPITER on the 4th, and 8th creating a fast, fiery, formation that brings surprises with new relationships. Hopes and wishes are important, nurture them AQUARIUS.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**

Good Vibes Little Fishes! The planets have a pleasant month in store for you. Surprising situations may find you floating on waves of joy as money and resources are nourished. A little imagination can be a great asset when dealing with finances. Your planetary ruler NEPTUNE is the king of invention, and most all PISCAN folks have an original talent for that. A breezy light-hearted aura surrounds your daily activities, and you may find some new, entertaining interests to put more shine into your routine.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**

Our Solar System is launching your month with a power-burst of energy, beginning on the 8th with the fiery NEW MOON and SOLAR ECLIPSE in your sign. It combines with the “anything goes” planet URANUS, which breathes excitement into your daily routine. But that's not all Rams...an advantageous formation of MARS, JUPITER, and URANUS link together to change your life in positive ways. Since you're the pioneers of the Zodiac, you might be ready to explore some new territory. A change in environment may add the excitement you've been wanting in your life.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**

Your diplomatic demeanor detests any form of unpleasantness. While VENUS visits the sign of LIBRA until the 22nd you will see to it that harmony prevails both on the job, or in your daily schedule. New creative hobbies, or ventures are appealing to you now. NEPTUNE'S harmonious powers might steer you towards photography, painting, beading, or sewing. There is an abundance of innovative potential floating around this month TAURUS. Inspiration is everywhere just waiting for you to discover it,

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**

Happy times with loved ones become the main focus of OCTOBER'S forecast. Activities with children and grandchildren are filled with enjoyment. Be creative GEMINI, you're building stronger and more lasting bonds with them, and they love every minute of your attention. The planets are supporting a lively month for you. Romantic connections might also be a part of your HOROSCOPE this month. VENUS makes a quick trip through the area of relationships and may have you seeing them in a better light.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**

October's Eclipses may have an emotional impact on home and family matters. Keep a cool head on the 8th when the FULL MOON and LUNAR ECLIPSE fires up a heap of opposition within the household. Jealousy, or flaring tempers might unexpectedly shatter the peace. Let things chill before trying to settle the differences. Home improvements have a better outcome on the 14th and 15th. Near month's end (23rd) a revitalizing Solar Eclipse clarifies your objectives, calms emotions, and initiates a cheerful cycle.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**

An aspect called a “Fire Sign Grand Trine” on the 4th, dominates the month until the 23rd. This planetary pattern promotes good will, personal growth, love, laughter, and many joyful hours spent with loved ones. Seeking entertainment is high on your list of priorities. Short trips to fun places, and visits to relatives are also a part of your forecast. Further your causes on the 10th and 15th when the SUN encourages help from others. Your projects may be well received. Be your shining selves Lions and Lionesses.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**

The thinking planet MERCURY is up to its usual tricks on the 4th when it turns retrograde, reminding you that money matters are emphasized this month. It's not all related to spending, and incoming finances may receive a boost. OCTOBER is a good month for yard sales, selling crafts, and finding new treasures. Your flair for detail serves you well VIRGO. Clear away items that are no longer useful or needed. There's a great energy at work now that is sure to motivate you into action. Maintain a friendly attitude.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: [starwheels2@comcast.net](mailto:starwheels2@comcast.net)

**Annual Fall Clean-Up**  
**October 6 – 11, 2014**

It is that time of year again and the annual fall clean-up has been scheduled for October 6 – 11, 2014.

All Tribal Rental Occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and **BAG THE TRASH** for pick up. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE PILED IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA FOR PICK UP.** Tribal Members please make private arrangements to deliver **FURNITURE, MAJOR APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL, or LUMBER** to the Transfer Station.

**\*\*\*Elders and Handicapped Tribal members who may need assistance, contact Construction Services at 563- 0260, or call Alice Red at Emergency Family Services at 563-0100 Ext. 2329 to be put on the list for pick up.**

**OLD VEHICLE REMOVAL** – Contact Building Maintenance at 563-0265 regarding any old vehicles needing to be removed. Please provide title to old vehicles.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL** – Contact Peter Dietrich regarding at Environmental Programs Division at 563-0135 or cell # 769-1187 for disposal of hazardous waste.

**Upper and Lower Tribal and BIA Campus Areas**

All Tribal, BIA, IHS, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash. Call Building Maintenance at 563-0265 and Grounds Maintenance at 563-0272.

**SUIHA**

All Southern Ute Public Housing and Senior Center residents are requested to clean up their areas. SUIHA homeowners, renters, and Senior Center are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority at 563-4575. (Ignacio Peak, Jefferson Drive, Sunset Circle, Northridge, South end Housing Authority units, Shoshone Apt, Shoshone houses, Senior Center)

Tribal Operations and Construction Services please coordinate with Steve Williams or Dale Santistevan, Grounds Maintenance, for pick up on cluster sites. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash.

**Property & Facilities Department:** (Building Maintenance & Motor Pool) Tribal homes located North of Hwy 172 and West of the Pine River. Telephone number for Motor Pool: 563-0280. Building Maintenance 563-0265, Grounds Maintenance 563- 0272 Tribal homes located at Cedar Point East & West, including Ignacio Peak.

**Tribal Construction Services:** (Wood Yard) Tribal homes East of the Pine River, North and South of Hwy 151 to Arboles contact Construction Services at 563-0260 for scheduling or questions.



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**BEST PRICE \$11,990 +TTL****1999 Lexus LS 400 Sedan**

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**BEST PRICE \$16,990 +TTL****2012 Nissan Versa**

D1399A • 36,235 MILES, 4 CYL, 5 SPEED, CLOTH, 4 DR

**BEST PRICE \$11,890 +TTL****1995 Ford F-250 XT Cab**

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**BEST PRICE \$14,490 +TTL****2004 Ford F-250 Crew Cab**

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**BEST PRICE \$16,990 +TTL****2009 Toyota Rav-4**

D1455 • 95,613 MILES, V6, AUTO, CLOTH, TILT, AIR, PWR WINDOWS/LOCKS

**BEST PRICE \$14,990 +TTL****2000 Ford Focus 2x3**

D1456 • 103,270 MILES, 5 SPEED, HATCHBACK, 2 DR

**BEST PRICE \$3,990 +TTL****2009 Nissan Cube**

D1355 • 31,118 MILES, AUTO, CLOTH, 4 CYL, TILT, AIR

**BEST PRICE \$8,492 +TTL****2007 Ford F-250 Super Crew**

D1396 • 99,383 MILES, 6.0 DIESEL, TILT, AIR, PWR WINDOWS/LOCKS, TOW PKG

**BEST PRICE \$18,790 +TTL****2006 Ford F-350 XT Cab**

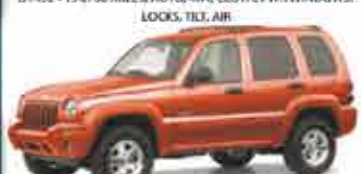
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**BEST PRICE \$16,990 +TTL****2003 Ford F-150 Super Crew**

D1460 • 176,340 MILES, XLT, V8, CLOTH, AUTO, PWR PKG, TOW PKG

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D1452 • 134,790 MILES, AUTO, 4X4, CLOTH, PWR WINDOWS/LOCKS, TILT, AIR

**BEST PRICE \$6,990 +TTL****2008 Nissan Altima**

D1392A • 79,823 MILES, FWD, 4 CYL, CLOTH, 4-DR, SEDAN (GRAY)

**BEST PRICE \$7,990 +TTL**





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Adison Jones (8) attempts to rip the ball free from John Mall quarterback Santos Reyna (12) during SPC action in Walsenburg on Friday, Sept. 26.

IHS FOOTBALL

Bobcats break loose out in Walsenburg!

Big plays boost IHS to 26-19 victory

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Home cooking hadn't turned out so well for John Mall Football prior to last Friday.

But toss in a lot of Homecoming flavor and the Panthers' recipe for success still didn't come together – though it tasted just fine in the visiting, win-starved Ignacio Bobcats' collective maw.

"They thought ... we had no wins so they were just going to trample us, and we showed them that we're not just going to lie down and take it!" said IHS senior Blaine Mickey. "It's nice not to be the team that they think – because we know how they felt before we were coming in here."

On their own IHS-like turf for the fourth time in the 2014 season's first five weeks, the 1A Southern Peaks Conference newcomers – formerly of the 1A Tri-Peaks, brought in partially to replace Del Norte (now part of the 8-man 1A Mountain) – had only one win in their previous three tries, and couldn't capitalize upon Evan Gonzales' outstanding running in falling to the Cats 26-19.

Coming off a 14-carry, 137-yard effort in a 46-18 road win at Pueblo Dolores Huerta Prep, JMHS' star sophomore amassed 217 yards on 32 carries against IHS, scored twice and also added a two-point conversion run, but Mickey's 11-98, 2 TD figures held more weight – given the Bobcats' ability to pass.

Despite Panther junior Destry Crockett's nearly-constant pressure, senior Adison Jones went 9-of-16 for 216 yards and two scores to junior Wyatt Hayes – the first covering two yards with just 0:52 left in the second quarter, and the second going for 74 with 7:31 left in the third.

The latter proved most crucial; with John Mall trailing Ignacio 12-0 at half-time, Gonzales' 26-yard scoring run (and junior Garrett Quintana's point-after kick) with 8:32 left in the third had at last put the Panthers on their own scoreboard. After the kickoff, IHS' offense set up shop at their own 31, but a false-start penalty pushed them back to the 26.

Crockett then kept the crowd roaring with a vicious stop of Mickey for no gain, but the Huerfano Community Sports Complex faithful fell silent the next snap when Jones

found his top target with room to roam. Senior Mike Perez then crashed in for the two-pointer and JMHS trailed 20-7.

"We just wanted to come out and get a win, turn our season around," Hayes said. "We were 0-and-4, had a tough schedule, and wanted to come beat them ... get a little confidence! Can't give up!"

Already with one interception defensively, and destined to end the game with another – snuffing out the trickery of a Gonzales halfback-option throw – Hayes' fumble recovery in the eventful third again authoritatively put the Panthers in check.

John Mall had clawed back somewhat into the game with safeties 2 minutes, 35 seconds apart. First, junior Andrew Vigil blocked a Hayes punt and the ball bounced and rolled all the way into the end zone, where Bobcat junior Tyler Beebe smartly smothered it – alertly denying JMHS a likely touchdown.

Gonzales then ran Hayes' ensuing free kick all the way back to the IHS 23, but after Perez stuffed Gonzales at the one-yard-line on fourth-and-goal from the 2, Mickey was then blanketed in the backfield on Ignacio's first-down play – making the score 20-11 with 2:30 left.

Visibly irate over having been stopped for a loss of yardage, and partial loss of his team's lead, Mickey quickly made amends after Hayes covered Santos Reyna's second-down fumble at the Panther 43 with 58 ticks remaining.

Exploding through a lane cleared by classmate Alex Lopez, Mickey took Jones' first-down give the distance. And though John Mall's Devon Vallejos picked off Jones' conversion throw, the damage was done – despite Gonzales scoring from 16 yards out (and then diving in for the deuce) as the quarter expired.

"You da man!" said Lopez on the sideline to Mickey.

"You opened the hole!" Mickey firmly replied.

"They all played hard," he said. "Finally got it through their heads that we're playing for each other. We're not just playing for ourselves to get stats; we're all a family and we're trusting each other more. That's what gives us those big plays like that!"

Every game is new opportunity; it doesn't matter how much we are losing by

Lopez said.

"Never quit – I mean, that's what got in me today."

The stadium announcer, prone to amplify advice to his side regarding game situations, had to credit him for a two-way game well played when Lopez had to come off the field as an injury precaution before what ended up being the night's final play.

"For being a senior, it's a great feeling. Couldn't ask for a better feeling, really," he said of the win. "Especially with my team, our little Iron Cats – we've got such a small team ... this is big for us."

The boys played hard and I'm proud of them, head coach Lupe Huerta said.

"This week has been kind of rough because we've had to transition different kids – we had so many injuries, [and] right now we've got two quarterbacks [Jones backups Austin McCaw and Zach Weinreich] on the line and our center's 130 pounds! We have one original starter [Lopez] on the offensive line ... So they've really worked hard."

Defensively, the Cats played well, Huerta said.

"... And stopping Thirty-two [Gonzales] ... that kid can run like the wind! Our primary deal was to try to slow him down and let somebody else beat us."

Quintana tried his hardest, gaining 74 yards on just six second-half carries, but Reyna, picked once by Hayes, and fellow QB Jeremiah Vigil were held to 22 yards combined on nine.

"We had to ... stop them from getting those big yards, [and be] more consistent with pushing them, keeping them held back," said Mickey.

Perez picked up 52 yards on nine rushes for Ignacio, but Jones finished 8-for-(minus-12). Hayes totaled six receptions for an awesome 189 yards. Perez (1-12), Mickey (1-1) and Timmy Plehinger (1-15) snared Jones' other three completions.

"It felt awesome! I love making big plays for my team, and just love playing football," Hayes said. "We came together in practice, 'brotherhood' and everything – that's been our main key and we're just trying to keep it going."

Now 1-4, 1-0 SPC, the Bobcats travel Oct. 3rd to Monte Vista to face the 3-2, 1-0 [and sixth-ranked, in the 9/29 CHSAANow.com poll] Pirates. Presently #9, Centauri then visits IHS Field on the 10th.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

Bears, Mustangs sweep IHS

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Forget the ten o'clock start time; two players in particular were ready for action when most people were either eating breakfast, or in a likely number of cases, even waking up at all.

So it was only fitting that Ignacio's Alex Forsythe and Dolores' Beth Brown – transfers to their new schools from, respectively, 3A Bayfield and 4A Montezuma-Cortez – would face each other's team to get the Sept. 27 San Juan Basin League volleyball triangular – Nucla also attended – underway.

"Oh goodness, it was tough! It was really hard," Forsythe said, of the CHSAA-mandated wait before becoming varsity-eligible. "But I took it one game at a time and now I'm here, just super-happy!"

Brown agreed with Forsthye about the long wait of becoming varsity eligible.

"But today it just came together really easily, and it was nice; everything flowed really well with everybody."

It certainly did for the Lady Bears in the day's opening game – a 25-11 handling of the Volleys in which Forsythe's first successful jump-serve only narrowed the deficit to 12-6 – and it unquestionably did for NHS in the assembly's eleventh and closing clash, as IHS fell to each squad in three.

Losing to the Lady Mustangs, who'd just let a tight five-gamer [28-26, 24-26, 16-25, 25-23, 14-16] go to DHS (6-5, 2-4 SJBL), was particularly hard for the Cats to take in that Nucla seemed to have the coldest answers available to any positives Ignacio was able to achieve.

Mirroring the game one loss to Dolores, IHS went down 0-1 to NHS 25-10. Ignacio senior Amya Bison, coming out of a Thad Cano timeout, managed an uplifting rejection of a Lady Mustang spike to keep the Cats within ten points, but Nucla's Carlie Wytulka silenced the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Avionne Gomez keeps an attack against Dolores close to the antenna and away from the block during SJBL action, Saturday, Sept. 27.

home crowd with consecutive kills and Kenzee Irish landed an ace for good measure.

"We practice serving a lot, and serving to different areas of the court ... short, long serves," NHS head coach Debbie Wytulka said. "So that is something they take pride in, being able to serve tough."

Forsythe later dropped in two scoring serves and freshman Avionne Gomez downed a kill, making the score 20-10, but Nucla middle Erin Staats mashed a kill to halt Ignacio's approach.

Re-conjuring, in a 25-22 game two loss, the type of intensity they'd shown in a 25-23 Game 3 loss to DHS, IHS went up 2-zip on the Lady Mustangs in Game 3 before a seven-point Staats stay on serve opened a 14-3 lead – en route to a resounding 25-7 win – for NHS (4-4, 4-4).

Making the score 22-6, Wytulka's perfect smash

seconds after Ignacio junior libero Chrystianne Valdez's amazing blind-side save somehow reversed the ball back to the enemy was likely the definitive moment for the Cats (1-10, 1-5) – looking to avenge a 25-17 x3 loss at Telluride on the 25th.

"We're running, like, a modified 6-2. So the setter comes from back-row, and then in the front row our setter's our outside," she said, of her dual role with Shoshone Thompson. "And it's definitely been a hard process, getting to know it and learning it. But we are doing great for, like, me coming in and just now playing with the [varsity]. We'll just take it one game at a time and it'll definitely get better."

IHS resumes SJBL work on Oct. 4 at Ridgway, and follows that with trips to Dove Creek on Tuesday, Oct. 7, and Mancos on the Friday, Oct. 10.

Getting their kicks in



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Gracie Gonzales makes positive contact with the ball stopping a drive mounted by the opposing team in the 3rd and 4th-grade division. Teams play Saturdays through Oct. 18 at Joe Stephenson Park in Bayfield.



Boys and girls in the three -and four-year-olds fun soccer league hone their soccer skills before entering the older age brackets.

Aspen Naranjo (left) throws in the ball during her soccer match of the 1st-2nd grade division in the Bayfield's fall soccer league.





## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



courtesy Faren Burch/SUPD

One of two dispatch consoles, (left to right) the radio screen with six radio channels, next is the CAD (computer aided dispatch) in which we keep track of our calls and officers, far right, is the phone system, on top right is our map.

### THE JOB OF A SUPD DISPATCHER

I, Faren Burch, have worked for the Southern Ute Police Department as a dispatcher for almost 10 years and as a tribal member, I feel I am providing my membership the best service I can. I have worked many different jobs within the Tribal Organization and this is the only job I find fulfilling. I know I have accomplished a job well done almost every day.

Some of you may or may not know what a dispatcher actually does, so let me try to

explain it to you. I say “try” because you really don’t know until you have experienced the job.

We work with four different screens: a radio screen, our CAD (computer aided dispatch) screen, our phone screen and the map screen. We are responsible for answering ALL calls that come into dispatch. At any given time, we can expect to receive seven calls all at once. We have several lines that come into dispatch and all these lines include 911 calls. We receive a wide range of

different type of calls from vehicle lockouts, animal calls, disturbance calls, traffic accidents, all medical issues, bar fights, and any kind of call in between. During these calls, we may also have radio traffic that comes in on the radio. We are expected to copy all radio traffic and document the radio traffic as well as the phone calls we receive. Very often we are typing, talking and listening all at once. Another way to look at it, we are responsible for “lives”. What does that mean? All calls we receive are considered emergency calls and at any given time, can be a life threatening emergency. It is our job to get people help. In my years as a dispatcher, I have saved many lives. We are also responsible for the lives of all emergency personnel, officers, medical, fire, rangers, animal control and sometimes other law enforcement agencies. We make sure everyone returns home safe and sound to their families every night/day.

Here is something you may not know about dispatch, we are trained to give medical instructions over

the phone. We can help a caller deliver a baby over the phone. We also can help a caller administer CPR to another person. Dispatch is trained to handle different type of emergencies.

So what happens when we receive a call? When a call is received, we ask the same questions on just about every call. Who? Where? What? When? And “Why”, these questions are very important to not just us but for you. We need to know who you are, where you are, what happened and when/why. “Who” because we need to let the officer know who he needs to contact when he responds to a call and we as dispatchers need to have a name, if contact is lost for some reason, we can sometimes find contact information within our CAD system but not always. By knowing a persons’ name, we establish a personal connection that helps us assist a person thru a difficult and stressful situation. “Where” is very important because we need to know where to send help. Shouldn’t we already know where you are?? We are trained not to assume anything. You information does not always pop up on our phone system, you information is not always correct, your calling from a cell phone and no information comes up, if we assume you are at your house, we could be sending help to the wrong location. “What” we need to know why you are calling, “Just get them here” just does not help us or the officers. The officers, medical and fire personnel depend on us to get as much information as possible. For example, “I NEED HELP!! SEND OFFICERS AND FIRE NOW!” we send officers and the fire department running lights and sirens to your location and all you needed was help getting your cat out of the tree. When another call comes in at the same time of a person who just wants to talk to an officer; since there are no officers available, we continue to ask further questions. Our questions lead the dispatcher to believe this person is suicidal. By the time we get an officer to his location, he is already deceased. This is an extreme situation but I can tell you it has happened. When a caller is screaming at us to get officers there now, it does not get the officers there faster. As soon as we know where they need to be sent and what or why they need to respond, they are on their way. We continue to update them with information as they respond. They count on this updated information.

If we send them with NO information, it makes the officers more cautious. They are in no hurry to get into an unknown and very dangerous situation. ALL OFFICERS are trained this way. “SEND OFFICERS NOW, I NEED HELP” vs “I live at 555 ELM ST, I live alone and there is someone in my house, I have a gun.” will get an officer there a little faster. He knows exactly where to go, what is going on, he knows he will have to confront an intruder and can let you know he is there by announcing he is there so he does not get shot. He also will have additional help to make sure they find the intruder.

These are just few examples of the type of calls we receive, a brief description of the job, our role as a dispatcher and the importance of the questions we ask.

As a dispatcher, I can tell you there is no other job like it and that I am here to serve the tribal membership as well as the surrounding community. I think I can speak for all the dispatchers who work for the Southern Ute Police Department, we are here for you. We love the job.

Faren Burch

### THANKS FROM TRIBAL HEALTH

This year the Tribal Health Department (THD) was tasked with coordinating the 94th Southern Ute Fair Parade. New categories were added to this year’s parade consisting of three types of car categories (Rez, classic and low-rider), a horse category (Best dressed horse, Best Dressed Native American male/female rider; Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl); and powwow participants. There were over 63 entries in this year’s parade making this year’s event one of the largest ever. Our tribal parade lasted an hour and twenty minutes.

We’d like to thank the Departments with floats, Growth Fund entities and Los Pinos Fire Dept. who waited patiently at the Growth Fund parking lot to join the parade as it made its way down Main Street.

Thanks to the Montessori Academy for the radios, Building Maintenance for the traffic cones, Grounds Maintenance for the RTV, SUPD Officer Richard Herrera, Linda Winkler, Dianne Bentley, Mollie Gilliam, Jody Rosier, Brian Zink, and Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator, Culture Department. Special thanks to Edna Frost, Volunteer Parade Judge.

Last but not least we’d like

to acknowledge the THD staff that helped in this huge undertaking: Konni Overturf, Susan Couch, Greg Pineau, Phyllis Rhodes, Georgette Miller, Angela Rose, Mary Young, Emily Flores, Monteal Martinez, Lisa Frost, Tristan Benally, Margo Yeager, Debra Herrera, Loni Acevedo, Sheryl McManus, Paige Kapp, LuRhea Ramone, Lee Williamson, Karen Washington, Delaina Price, Shanna Phillips, Richard Wilson, Jennifer GoodTracks, Deanna Frost, Carrie Martinez, Susan Turner, Victoria Trujillo, Marge Barry (Parade Coordinator) and Lola Osawe.

Cordially,  
Lola Osawe,  
Director, Tribal Health Dept.

### THANK YOU FROM GLORIA FROST

The family of the late Marian Frost would like to thank the individuals and families that offered their prayer and condolences during our time of loss. Individuals are: Elwood Kent, Derrick Watts, Leigh Sage, Marge Barry, Leonora Burch, Marietta Watts-Soto, Benda Watts, Alex Cloud, Phoebe Kent, Lucinda Cloud, Benjamin Watts, Tallas Cantsee, and rest of the drum group members, Larry Tucker, Dale Santistevan, Ground Maintenance crew, Wood Yard, Matt from Hood Mortuary, Pall Bears, Southern Ute Police Dept. Ryan from Hood Mortuary.

Those who shared their stories and memories for our sister.

Once again, thank you  
Family of Late Marian Frost

### DEAR TRIBAL MEMBERS

I am writing this letter, which I will state up front is lengthy, as I am a concerned tribal member who cares deeply about our future. My concerns are outlined below in three topics: (A) hiring practices and cultural competence, (B) Education is our future and (D) mental health.

### Our historical context and our future: Growing and Hiring our own

We are ingrained with ideals, norms, mores that were brought to us and coerced upon us. The U.S. government was never meant to be a help meet to the Native American, it was meant to turn us one against the other, to cause death among us, to scramble us up so, that we would lose our sense of self, our sense of belonging, and to deter a collective thriving people and community.

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## OBITUARIES

**THOMPSON** – Bennett Cloud Thompson, 78, died Sunday, September 28, 2014, in Ignacio, Colorado. A wake was held on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 5051 County Road 521, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. A Funeral Service was held Friday, October 3, 2014 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Event Center and Pastor Kelly Winlock will be officiating. Burial followed at Ignacio East Cemetery in Ignacio, Colorado.

Mr. Thompson was born March 2, 1936 in Ignacio, Colorado, the son of George and Lucy Cloud Thompson. Bennett attended the Ute Vocational School in Ignacio, Ignacio High School and graduated from Haskell Indian High School in Lawrence, Kansas. He was active in sports, especially basketball, he rode rodeo bulls, and steer-busting.

He was Married to LaVara June Burch on June 16, 1959 in Aztec, NM.

Bennett was a traditional dancer, Sun-dancer, an avid hunter and enjoyed riding his Harley (and hanging out with his biker buddies – Lovingly known as “Loner”).

Bennett collected friends and had an ability to associate with anybody. His legacy is his family, who he loved.

He is survived by his children: Luana Herrera, Rebecca Thompson and JoGenia Thompson all of Ignacio, and Franklin, Keith (Renee) and Shawn Thompson all of Ignacio, and LeAnn Thompson of White Rocks, Utah; Siblings: Evelyn Russell of Ignacio, and Cecil, Barney and Sammy Pinnecoose all of Ignacio; grandchildren: Renelda Herrera, Elania Graham, Abel Romero, Mariah Thompson, Christian Thompson, Shoshone Thompson, Kyle Thompson, Natelle Thompson, Krislynn Thompson, Gracelynn Thompson, Mark Garcia, Eli Garcia, Shelton Garcia, LuAna Thompson, Mikki Mountainlion, Jerilynn Reed, Talia Reed; and numerous great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife LaVara June Thompson, a Son Mark Bennett Thompson, and siblings: Clea Thompson, Erma Thompson, Irene Weaver, and LaVeta Vigil and Morgan Thompson.



**WATTS** – Loleet Ernestine “Ernie” Watts, 62, died Sunday, September 28, 2014 in Durango, Colorado. Visitation was held at Hood Mortuary on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. A sunrise service was held at Hood Mortuary on Thursday morning, October 2, 2014. The funeral was held Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Room and burial followed at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

Mrs. Watts was born May 1, 1952 in Durango, Colorado, the daughter of Fritz and Pearl Box. She grew up in Bayfield, Colo., and attended Bayfield Schools – A proud Wolverine.

Ernie was a talented traditional beader and seamstress. She loved the Dallas Cowboys Professional football team. But most of all, her daughter, her grandson, her niece and family were her entire world. Ernie enjoyed spending time at the casino with her friends and gaming.

She is survived by her daughter: Venessa Caryl of Ignacio; Grandson: Jared Caryl of Ignacio; Niece: Mollie Casey of Towaoc, Colo.; Sisters: June Box-Tibbetts of Portland, OR, Shirley Esparza of Ignacio, Joyce Frost of Ignacio, Melody Fields of Towaoc; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings: Orion Box, Karen Box, Greg Box, Lena Box, Alvina Spencer, and Clyde Box; Nephews: Richard Box, and Manuel Myore; and Nieces: Sue Joseph, and Candace Watts.



**JOSEPH** – Former Ignacio resident Sue Joseph died Friday, September 19, 2014 in Boise, Idaho, from a brief illness. She was 49.

She was born January 5, 1965, to James Joseph and Alvina Box Spencer. Sue grew up with her grandparents Fritz and Pearl Box in Bayfield, Colorado. As a child, she loved to travel with her grandparents to powwows and dance. After graduation from Ignacio High School, Sue was employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, of which she was a member. She especially loved working in the Construction Services Department.

Sue moved to Boise, Idaho to be near her mother who was having health issues. She loved her family dearly, and kept in contact by phone and text messaging. When she visited she loved to organize family cookouts and spend time with family and friends. Sue loved to watch her team, the Dallas Cowboys play football, and watch tennis on TV. She also loved to watch the Dr. Phil Show, and ride around in her convertible. Sue will always be remembered as smiling, laughing, and joking around.

She is survived by two brothers, Ax and Buff Joseph, both of Bayfield Colorado; and a sister, Winnie Spencer, of Boise, Idaho. She is also survived by four aunts, Shirley Esparza, Ernie Watts, and Joyce Frost, all of Ignacio, and June Box-Tibbetts, of Portland, Oregon. She also leaves behind five nephews, Anthonie Joseph, Patrick Eagle, Jarvis Yellowcorn, Richard Joseph, and Ivan Joseph; and two nieces, Chelsey Shira and Kasity Joseph.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at Summers Funeral Homes, Meridian, Idaho. Burial followed at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise, Idaho. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on Sue’s memorial webpage at www.summersfuneral.com.

## Drum Deadline

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Oct. 13

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to the following address: [sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov)

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - SOCIAL SERVICES Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection, have no

convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim, is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years, is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 ext. 2424.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Administrative Appeals & Hearings Officer

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting proposals from qualified individuals to serve as director and chief hearing officer of a newly-established Administrative Appeals & Hearings Office, which will serve as an impartial, non-judicial forum for hearing administrative cases involving tribal members, local Native Americans, and tribal employees as provided in tribal codes and policies, including, but not limited to, the Traffic Code, Workers' Compensation Code, and Personnel Policy. This individual will draft the Office's rules to govern hearings, will hear administrative appeals on an

as-needed basis, and will issue written decisions. In hearing cases, the individual will act as the hearing officer, receiving and ruling upon evidentiary and procedural matters, issuing subpoenas, calling upon tribal members for advice regarding relevant aspects of culture and tradition, and examining witnesses. Case load will vary and is difficult to estimate, but based on past need may be approximately 1-3 days per month. Proposals are due by Friday, October 10, 2014, 5:00 p.m. A copy of the full RFP can be requested from Lorelyn Hall at lhall@southernute-nsn.gov or 970-563-4804.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of

interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, Friday, October 31, 2014. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180. Posted September 29, 2014 – D.O.G.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Credit Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribe Credit Committee has (3) vacancies. The Credit Committee members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are to submit a letter of interest to

Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources.

### Duties of the Credit Committee:

- Approve loans as required by the Declaration
- Monitor compliance with Declaration
- Monitor approved loan performance
- Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
- Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business
- Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary
- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Long Range Transportation Update

**Owner: Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Tribal Planning Department  
P. O. Box 737, 116 Mouache Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-4749**

Separate sealed bids to provide transportation planning services and assistance for updating the Southern Ute Tribal Transportation Program Transportation Improvement Program (TTPIP), will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Tribal Planning Department office located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014 and then at said office privately opened and reviewed. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. This project will be funded through Federal contracts, and is contingent upon contract awards. Pre-determined wages (Davis Bacon) will apply to this project. A mandatory site visit meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. To receive a RFP Packet contact the Tribal Planning Department at the address and/or number indicated above. The Southern Ute Tribal Long Range Transportation Plan Update 2015 is a planning document for the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI) within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This plan will be updated to identify and prioritize

the NTTFI improvement projects as well as to establish priorities for improvements to roads on the BIA inventory. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Code, which provides for Indian preference in contracting and employment. To receive a copy of the Code, or for more information, contractors should contact the Southern Ute TERO Office at 970-563-0117. For the purposes of this RFP, Qualified local Indian Owned Businesses certified through Southern Ute TERO Office will receive preference in accordance with the Code. A TERO Certified Indian Owned Business will, if its initial bid is not within 5% of the lowest bid by a qualified, non-certified or non-Indian owned business, be given a single opportunity to submit a revised bid. Proof of certification as an Indian Owned Business by the Tribe's TERO Office will be required if claiming this preference. The Code will apply to all sub-contracting, if any, which may be needed in the course of this project. In addition, pursuant to the Code, the successful contractor may be required to pay a TERO fee in the amount of 2% of the total project cost. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in proposals and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## KSUT Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT Radio is seeking one Southern Ute tribal member to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

## Advertise in the Drum!

Call 970-563-0118 or email [sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov)

## KSUT PUBLIC RADIO Executive Director

KSUT Public Radio, a public media non-profit located in Ignacio, Colorado, seeks an Executive Director with strong leadership, management and fundraising skills. The ED is responsible for managing and motivating a dynamic staff and developing a strong partnership with KSUT's Board of Directors. Other responsibilities include financial management, budgeting, fundraising and forging a powerful strategic vision for KSUT. A full job description can be found online at [www.ksut.org](http://www.ksut.org). Preference given to qualified Southern Ute Tribal Members and other Native American applicants. All applicants welcome. Send a cover letter and resume to [edsearch@ksut.org](mailto:edsearch@ksut.org) by 5 p.m., Oct. 15, 2014.

## PUBLIC NOTICE To general public

**It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at large of livestock on Tribal lands. Violators of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000, impoundment of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief. If you have livestock trespassing on Southern Ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until 4 p.m. on **October 22, 2014** to contact Southern Ute Animas Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take any necessary action to ensure the protection of the Reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and Code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

## Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, 18 or over, and registered to VOTE?

The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for ONE REGULAR and TWO ALTERNATE Board Members!

These are tribal appointments and paid positions.

If you are interested in applying for either the REGULAR or ALTERNATE Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office) by **Thursday, October 2nd** before 5:00 p.m.

Have questions? Please phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, East Wing, of the Tribal Office.



IT'S YOUR VOTE IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY  
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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view job details and to apply online.  
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024  
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

**Construction Manager – Aka Energy Group,**  
Closing date 10/8/14  
In Artesia and Maljamar, NM. Managing construction projects for natural gas pipelines, compressor stations and gas plants for the Aka Energy Group.

**Construction Superintendent – Aka Energy Group**  
Closing date 10/8/14  
Artesia and Maljamar, NM. Managing field inspectors and other contract labor and services and for providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities. Responsible for ensuring application of, and compliance with, all company and Growth Fund safety policies and procedures. Ensures that company construction standards are followed.

**Senior Plant Accountant – Aka Energy Group**  
Closing date 10/8/14  
In Tulsa, OK. Monthly gas settlements on all of Aka's gas plants and systems. Responsibilities include performing allocations, settlements,

analytical tasks, accounting journal entries, and reconciliations within the Waterfield settlement system. This role also provides support to the base gas plant accountants, as well as provides timely and accurate information to internal staff and management, and external contacts when required. Maintenance Technician

**Maintenance Technician HVAC & Plumbing – GF Properties Group**  
Closing date 10/20/14  
In Lakewood, CO. Performs a wide variety of skilled and semi-skilled building maintenance and repair tasks. Installs, maintains, and repairs machinery, equipment, physical structures, and pipe and electrical systems.

**Wastewater Plant Operator II – GF Utilities Division**  
Closing date 10/20/14  
Ignacio, CO. Assists with the day-to-day operations of the Southern Ute Tribal Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System under the direct supervision of the Wastewater Plant Lead Operator and the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, and qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License.

**\*Bartender – Full-time**  
Closing date 10/6/14  
Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests. Must have High School Diploma/GED. 21 years old+. Completion of an accredited bartending course, or at least 1 year experience in high volume cocktail service, preferably in a hotel, restaurant and/or Casino environment.

**\*Bell Person – On-call**  
Closing date 10/6/14  
Responsible for assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. 21 years old+. Must have a High School Diploma/GED. Must have at least 3 months of prior customer service. 6 months of prior hotel/motel (front of house) operations preferred. Must have valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**\*Craps Dealer – Full-time**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Deals all craps games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. 21 years old+. High School diploma/GED. 1 year experience as a Craps dealer with Dealer School Certification OR 3 years experience dealing craps, OR Sky Ute Casino Dealer Certificate. Must pass audition.

**\*Fine Dining Server – On-call**  
Closing date 10/6/14  
Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High School Diploma/GED. 21 years old+. Minimum 1 year waiter/waitress experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant. 1 year of cashing and food service experience. Must be able to demonstrate superior food and wine knowledge. Must have knowledge of service techniques including French Service dining experience.

**Front Desk Staff – Full-time**  
Closing date 10/6/14  
Responsible for providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. High School diploma/GED. 18 years old+. Must have previous experience in

hotel front desk. Must have 3 months previous customer service experience. Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**\*Multi-Games Dealer – On-call**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Deals Blackjack (Class 3), Three Card poker, Roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/GED. 6 months Table Games Dealer experience OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

**\*Poker Dealer – On-call**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School diploma/GED. 21 years old+. 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

**\*Restaurant Supervisor – Full-time**  
Closing date 10/3/14  
Monitor and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Rolling Thunder Grill and Lounge area, ensuring guests are provided with an exceptional guest service experience. High School diploma/GED. 21 years old+. At least 5 years in the restaurant industry with a minimum of 3 years experience as a Restaurant Supervisor in a restaurant or in a hotel environment.

**Room Attendant – Full-time**  
Closing date 10/6/14  
Perform routine duties in cleaning and servicing guest rooms. 18 years old+. High School Diploma/GED preferred. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field preferred. 1 year previous experience preferred in motel or hotel operation.

**\*Security Officer – Part-time (No Benefits)**  
Closing date 10/3/14  
Responsible for guest and employee safety on property. High School Diploma/GED. 21 years old+. Valid driver's license and insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)  
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year

**Substitute Cooks, Assistant Soccer Coach**  
Open until filled

Application and information may be found at [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org).

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
MIS Seeking Tribal Member

Management Information Systems Seeks Tribal Member for Starting an Information Technology Career. Management Information Systems (MIS) is looking for Tribal members who may be interested in careers in information technology (IT) areas such as personal computer repair, support, operations, security and customer service. MIS's work also includes data and voice networking as well as audio

and visual management. MIS has an opening on our service desk team that performs most of the functions listed above. We can hire either a Tribal member who has skills in IT or is willing to coming to the MIS Department as a trainee. If you are interested in speaking to us about a IT job with the Tribe or becoming a trainee in this area, call us at 970-563-0128 or email us at [MIS@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:MIS@southernute-nsn.gov)

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM  
Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is actively seeking a qualified tribal or community member who would be available for regularly scheduled and emergency meetings throughout the year for its Board of Directors. For more information, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted in person to SUCCM or by mail at PO Box 737 #95 Ignacio, CO 81137.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations. ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE. Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

**Full Time Lifeguard**  
Closing date 10/6/14  
Responsible for lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

**Swimming Instructor**  
Closing date 10/6/14  
Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the Sun Ute aquatics facility. Responsible for preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with Sun Ute individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

**Custodian**  
Closing date 10/7/14  
Responsible for the daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

**Group Exercise Instructor**  
Closing date 10/7/14  
Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

**Records Clerk**  
Closing date 10/8/14  
Provides professional, technical, clerical and program support to the Records Retention Division and the Department of Tribal Information Services as directed. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

**Heavy Equipment Supervisor**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Supervises assigned heavy equipment operators and provides heavy equipment services for the Southern Ute Tribe. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour

**Tribal Member Financial Specialist**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Processes Tribal Distributions monthly and Minor Distributions as required. Generates and insures appropriate distribution of Tribal Distribution and Minors' Distribution checks. Facilitates fiscal interactions with the Tribal Membership including tribal member repayment agreements, income verification requests from Tribal Members, and support financial literacy and education initiatives for the members. Performs all related process duties as necessary. Manages all interactions with a high degree of professionalism and excellent customer service. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

**Community Center Director**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Responsible for the day-to-day operation, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal and philosophical) established and approved by the Tribal Council. This position will use all of the resources of the Community Center to promote individual as well as Tribal awareness and pride. Provides coordination of resources between the Community Center, Tribal Organizations, local schools, and community members. Pay grade 24; \$74,667/annual.

**Gaming Investigator I**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Entry-level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

**Gaming License Technician**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Under the general supervision of the Chief Investigator, the Gaming License Technician will perform a full range of duties to include policy interpretation and application, applicant processing, applicant and vendor processing, data management, and provide assistance to supervisors and licensees on license matters. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

**Detention Officer**  
Closing date 10/15/14  
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

**Sr. Detention Officer**  
Closing date 10/15/14  
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

**Tribal Information Services Director**  
Closing date 10/10/14  
Professional management position with overall responsibility for the management and supervision of a variety of human service-related programs providing services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members. This position will be filled with an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. Pay grade 22; \$60,320/annual.

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Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

Applications are available at [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org)

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Aspen Smith, Civil Subject**  
**Case No.: 2014-0076-CV-NC**  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Notice is hereby given that Aspen N. Smith has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Aspen Nicole Pinnecoose.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2014. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
Dated this 15th day of September, 2014  
James Crowdes, Court Clerk

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**Dora Hatch f/k/a Thompson, Petitioner Vs.**  
**Robert Anthony Thompson, Defendant**  
**Case No. 2002-0186-DI-CV**  
**To: Robert Anthony Thompson, Ignacio, CO 81137**

Greetings: Take notice that a Motion to Modify Child Support requesting relief from you has been filed in the Court of Indian Offenses. If you do not agree with the motion to modify child support, then you must go to the Court of Indian Offenses located at the Phillip Coyote Sr. Memorial Hall, 440 Sunset Blvd., Towaoc on the 7th day of October, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. and be prepared for trial. You may file a written answer with the Court on or before the above

date and time. Your answer should state any legal reason you have why judgment should not be entered against you with the Court before that date and time. If you do not file an answer with the court and you do not appear on the above date and time, the Court may be asked to enter judgment against you. If you file and answer, you must give or mail a copy to the Plaintiff(s) or the attorney who signed the complaint. If you do not file an answer, then the Court may enter a default judgment against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2014  
Clerk of Court  
By Eugena Johnson  
Court Clerk, Court of Indian Offenses  
Ute Mountain Ute Agency





FLY-FISHING

# Guides with time and talent helping others

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When people think of a fly-fishing guide the thought is of someone working with a client for pay. And, 99.9% of the time that is true. However, there are times when fly fishing guides volunteer their time and talent to be a river helper for someone in need of something else. Two organizations that use fly fishing guides for something else are Casting for Recovery (CfR), and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. (PHWFF). It was my pleasure to use my time, and whatever talent I have as a fly fishing guide, to work with both of these organizations this year.

Neither group is in the business of raising money for research. CfR and PHWFF are into treating the spirit, mind, and body through fly-fishing. It's a great concept yielding wonderful results.

CfR was founded in 1966 in Manchester,VT. Its founders were Gwenn Perkins Bogart and Dr. Benita Walton. At the time of its inception Mrs. Bogart was a fly-fishing instructor for the Orvis Company, and Dr. Walton was a breast reconstruction surgeon. It is easy to see how that friendship resulted in a non-medical way to help breast cancer survivors.

Dr. Walton felt that the movement pattern of fly-casting could help heal the muscle and tissue damage done by surgery



and radiation. Mrs. Bogart provided the expertise in teaching those movement patterns. Along the way they also found that learning how to fly fish proved helpful in healing the spirit and mind.

Ed Nicholson first created PHWFF in 2005; while a patient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After Mr. Nicholson retired from the navy he put his thoughts into action and began helping the men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan heal in spirit and mind through fly-fishing. The program has since expanded to include any veteran with 156 programs at military and veterans hospitals. To help the veterans recover, the program uses not only fly-fishing outings, but also teaches classes in fly tying, rod building, and fly-casting. For the Durango outings Robin Marsett leads the program.

So, where do the guides with talent and time on their hands fit in? For CfR and PHWFF to effectively help their clients a one-on-one

teaching and helping partnership was developed. To be able to afford that many professionals; a volunteer program was designed. The program reached out to as many guides and other qualified helpers as they could, and a can't refuse job description was created. The job description said, "If you want to do something that will make you feel really good about yourself, for weeks, then call us." I admit I couldn't find those exact words anywhere in the files of CfR or PHWW, but that's what it boiled down to.

The guides and helpers are the most professional and caring people you can ever be around. Truly, who couldn't get high by helping a 92-year-old breast cancer survivor or a Vietnam veteran still having difficulties adjusting to his war experiences? How about a 24-year-old Iraq veteran telling you how he hasn't been this at peace for over two years? Or the cancer survivor, they never refer to themselves as victims, telling you that if she can fly fish she has hopes of winning the battle.

I know, and have been associated with, many men and women who get high on those very experiences. I have to say to CfR and PHWW thank you for giving me the chance to actually help somebody in need of my time and talent. Please keep dialing my phone; I'm still not real good with emails.

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This was purposeful so we would learn submission to their control and way of life. At one point we received the permission to vote in their elections which continues to govern us all. We were considered a Nation within a Nation under self-determination, but are still overseen by the auspice of the federal government and we will remain under their control as long as we continue to utilize federal funds. Blood quantum of the Native was developed as a measurement standard by which the federal government would determine expenditures toward each federally recognized tribe. Now our once small government has prospered through the decision making of our past leaders. Since our tribe has begun to see capital we are inundated with employees from every direction in lead positions while our tribe's members look on. Purposeful placement within the employment sector allows obtainment and maintenance of control. We have placed within our budget, priorities such as higher education, vocational training and the like that would allow us the same education as those who are being hired outside of the tribe to fill these positions. The prioritization for education and employment policy is of no effect if we do not hire our own to fill these positions.

If we ever have the hope to become self-sufficient in running our own government and prioritizing self-determination then we have to value each other, allow each other to grow to reach our full potential, to put the ideals away that have attempted to destroy us in the past and look to healing ourselves as individuals, family, and community. Where do we exist in all this? This is our government, we are a sovereign nation. The larger government has dropped the Native baby on its head and then they expect us to resign our anguish from latent historical trauma and perform as they do. They set the standard and then challenge us to meet it. When we do not perform to the standard set before us as expected, we are considered inept, less than, backward or thwarted. At this point all we can do is appeal to their compassion. What is needed is for our leaders to create protective policy and standards of prioritization in employment opportunities, enforce employment, and establish requirements of those in lead positions to work with the tribe and its members thus minimizing write ups and termination. Whose difficulty is it when you hire a supervisor that can run an entire department but can't work with one employee? Tribal Members in apprentice positions under the auspice of those in lead positions would allow all a vested interest that would ultimately lead to a permanent position with a member in the prospective position who is then capable of training others. We need to work collaboratively and cooperatively to regain control of our government. Non-tribal individuals are not going to be agreeable to this proposition however, if we utilize our full potential and take our place back and let them know they work for us, we can implement the practice of self-determination for our tribe's benefit. My concern is this, who will tribal members ask for permission for services in the future one of our own or will the ultimate authority come from the

tribe's attorneys; HR Department; and Division Heads (who are not from here) who dictate to us how any given service should be rendered and by whom. Tribal Council I ask that you make the decisions necessary to regain control of our government currently, and for future generations to come.

### Education: Education and training will allow our Tribe to use its right to sovereignty

My father Joseph Peter Tree instilled in me the value of education. He was very intelligent, very well educated and well spoken. His character would prove to enjoy the fruits of his labor and retirement. While having a beer in one hand and a cigarette in the other he would say "How can you win, if you don't know how to play the game?" In my young mind I took this to mean I need to learn to play therefore, I will learn everything I can so that I can win. In my opinion, education is the key to our freedom, that and money. Grants, tribal monies, investments are all resources that can be obtained without the demands of federal monies. Teaching our own to run our own government can only be accomplished through knowledge. Without education we are hopelessly enmeshed in the larger culture and limited in what we can accomplish. I appreciate that our tribe has endorsed education and has supported my graduate education. Other than education I feel that our HR department must be willing to hire our tribal members so that we can become trained and proficient. Tribal member employment must be a priority and members must continue to seek employment and training opportunities. My fear is that we won't have trained individuals from this tribe running our government within the next ten years if we do not attempt to unite and return control to the tribe. We need to hire our own and accommodate them or groom them to take lead positions and stop terminating their employment for making mistakes but rather lift them up and support them in their learning and training process. Otherwise what will become of our membership? If we do not hire our own, why then, continue to promote values of education then not value or utilize the provisions of that education? It's up to our leaders to protect our interests as a tribe.

### Mental Health: How can we support and not punish

First and foremost I would like to share with you that there is a stigma associated with mental health issues. Physical illness is readily more accepted than compromise in mental health. We need to shed this bias, if people are going to come to terms with the limitations they have, they have to acknowledge them, determine a plan of treatment and then pursue health. We can't get healthy until we know what the problem is and address it. We should not stigmatize those who choose to know who they are, where they came from and how best to learn to overcome.

I have written to Council before about my personal story of mental health issues and the difficulties that ADD has caused me. I know I am not alone, many Native Americans if given the opportunity through health insurance for an evaluation might have a similar diag-

noses. As children who are diagnosed with ADD, most physicians or psychiatrists are eager to treat patients with drugs. Pharmaceutical companies and physicians alike will dole out the medications in order to curb the problem rather than seek to find another avenue for success. The history of Native people has contributed to Alcoholism, Domestic Violence, Boarding School Placement, Foster Care Placement, Parents who do not know how to parent, Premature Illness and Death within Native communities and cultures. While many believe mental health disabilities are used as an excuse for varying behaviors and attitudes, the symptoms are very real and the behaviors unavoidable without treatment. I would hope, like physical disease, the tribe would better understand these conditions and support tribal members, not only in treatment, but in employment opportunities. I am under the impression that the Vocational Rehabilitation Department is in place for the purpose of aiding those individuals that need accommodation throughout the application process to potential employment in order "to obtain and retain employment" as is stated in their literature when one has a disability. According to the Diagnostic Statistical Manual, ADD otherwise known as Attention Deficit Disorder is considered a disability. As explained above it is usually treated with drugs but sometimes the drugs used to treat such disabilities can cause adverse effects. Amphetamines can cause the mind to become hyper alert but it also can strain the heart. One does not know how they will react to it until they take it. Medications are administered without knowing the outcome until the body becomes accustomed to the medication, then the Dr. will know what to add or take away or in what dosage to administer a certain drug. This is accomplished through trial and error. Patients like myself might opt to learn skills conducive to health rather than take drugs that can ultimately shorten one's life span, this choice should be one's prerogative and drugs should not be a requirement in order to obtain services from departments that are put in place to help obtain and retain employment. I believe if tribal members have the support of the tribal administration and council to succeed in the work place they will. I know we are capable. I would like to take this opportunity to speak on behalf of myself and others like me. I believe time is needed in the work place; the patience of supervisors and the assistance of departments such as Vocational Rehabilitation in order to have an achievable outcome. I would also like to make mention that drugs are not always the answer, those of us with ADD can learn to change behaviors, incorporate skills and seek to fully understand our condition in order to become a success in life as well as, in the work place.

In conclusion, I would like to implore our leadership to allow us the use of our sovereignty to obtain freedom to live, freedom to work for our own government and to pay our debts and for the freedom to advocate for those who have no voice.

Respectfully,  
Yvonne Tree

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Oct. 3



Sunny 70°F

Saturday, Oct. 4



Sunny 70°F

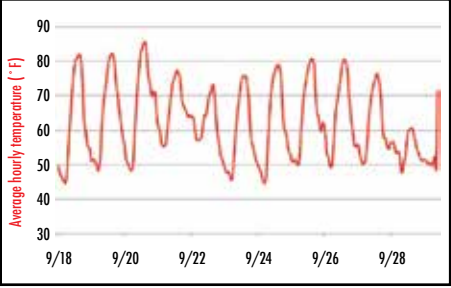
Sunday, Oct. 5



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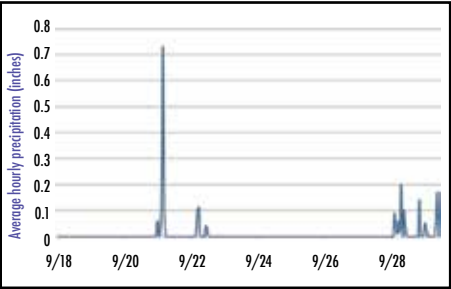


### Weather data for September 18 – September 29



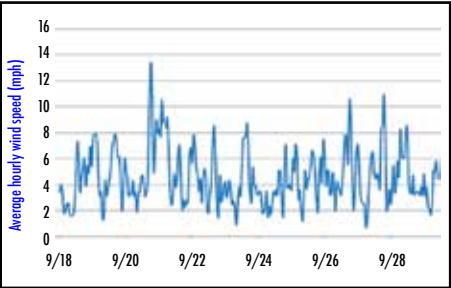
#### Temperature

High	85.5°
Low	44.6°
Average	62.1°
Average last year	53.1°



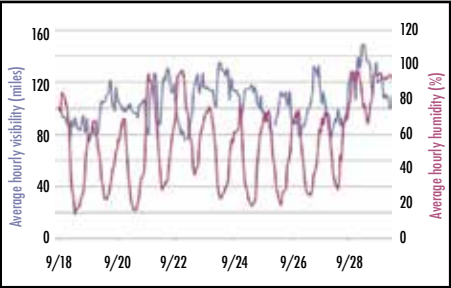
#### Precipitation

Total	2.350"
Total last year	1.360"



#### Wind speed

Average	4.6
Minimum	0.7
Maximum	13.4



#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	105.0
Average humidity	54.6%

Air quality: Good



Air quality descriptor: 42